



**HOUSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT
MEDIA ALERT**
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**ANOTHER SURVIVAL STORY,
THANKS TO THE CHAIN-OF-SURVIVAL**

Fire Chief Boriskie, EMS Physician Director Dr. David E. Persse scheduled to attend

WHAT: HFD EMS hold reunion with cardiac arrest survivor, bystanders, and firefighters.

WHEN: Wednesday, April 20, 2005 @ 12:00 p.m.

WHERE: Fire Station 8, 1901 Milam (@ St. Joseph's Parkway intersection)
Key Map 453Q

DETAILS: Attorney Christopher Watkins, 33, was preparing for a trial March 1, 2005 at the Harris County Courts Bldg., 1019 Congress, when he suddenly suffered a cardiac arrest. Someone called 9-1-1, the first link in the chain-of-survival. Responding to a call for help, Harris County Deputy Sheriffs Rudy B. Ocampo and Jess W. Vickery began bystander CPR, the second link in the chain-of-survival. Sheriff Vickery administered rescue breathing to Watkins and Sheriff Ocampo conducted chest compressions.

HFD members arrived, applied an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED), to Watkins, which implemented the third link in the chain-of-survival. Paramedics and HFD members administered advanced life-support procedures with a cardiac monitor/defibrillator, the fourth and final link in the chain-of-survival.

HFD members transported Watkins to a local hospital. Members of the Watkins family will attend the reunion to thank the individuals who helped save Christopher Watkins's life.